

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here are both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm through 5/21, then 8am-6pm. Exhibits, 15-minute movie in English & Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued until 1/2 hour before closing. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily through 5/21 9am-2pm & 5-7pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 8pm). Starting 5/22, 7am-2pm & 5-9pm.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Daily 9am-6pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 7pm) through 5/21, then 8am-9pm. Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food & other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, & cans of emergency gasoline.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 7am-10pm through 5/21, then 8am-midnight.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am -3:30 pm; Saturday 10 -noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Stables - Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

In the Kings Canyon

Highway 180 from Hume Lake Junction into the canyon opens April 24 at noon, conditions permitting.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily starting 5/22, 9am-5pm. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued 9am-4pm. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Self-issue through 5/21, then 7am-3pm daily. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS) - Starting May 14

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. From 5/14-6/11 weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm. Starting 6/12 daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm. Lunch supplies available at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. From 5/14-6/11 8am-7pm, then 7am-9pm.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See pages 10-11. Lodge opens 5/14.
- **Showers:** 5/14-6/11 8am-1pm & 3-6pm, then 7am-1pm & 3-7pm
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside lodge & ranger station.

IN GRANT GROVE:

- **Weekend Grant Tree Walks 2:00 pm; daily starting 5/22.**
 - Saturday evening programs at John Muir Lodge. Evening programs move outside to Sunset Amphitheater in late May, conditions permitting. Nightly programs begin 5/29. Time & topics vary; check locally. Additional programs may be offered.

Paying Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon in Grant Grove

Until May 13, you can pay the required park and forest entrance fee just outside the visitor center.

After that, the entrance station at Big Stump is open.

Please stop to purchase or show your pass.

One fee is good for visiting *both parks and* the forest!

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between park areas Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 - Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

PAY TELEPHONES (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Open 1st Saturday of the month through September, 8am-4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 8-9am, lunch 12-1pm, dinner 6-7pm through 5/22, then hours increase. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Year-round private facilities open to public: 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market & snack shop. North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily tours 4/24-5/22 11am-4pm on the hour; then 10am-5pm. Gift shop. Ask about evening flashlight tours & guided canyoneering trips. Ages 14 & up \$13; 3-13 \$6.50; under 3 free. AAA 10% discount. *Senior and Access Interagency Pass discounts do not apply.* Schools & other group reservations: 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Opening mid-to-late May: Market 8am-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday); restaurant 4-7pm. Longer hours starting early June. Showers/laundry. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. Lodging opens 5/29. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.

GASOLINE SALES on FOREST LANDS

- At Hume Lake year-round, Stony Creek starting mid-to-late May. Kings Canyon Lodge may open late April. See page 3 for details.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

IN CEDAR GROVE:

- **Walks, talks, & campfire programs:** Check bulletin boards or visitor center for times, topics, and meeting locations for ranger-led activities.
 - South Fork Clean Up, sponsored by Friends of the South Fork Kings, June 21-22; call (916) 601-9954 for more information.